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In re Application of  
DIMAURO et al.  
Application No. 10/774,105  
Filed: 02/06/2004  
Title: D0601-700519

ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 17, 2008, to revive the application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision should be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision and be entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." Extensions of this time period are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No additional fee is required for filing a renewed petition.

On July 25, 2007, the Office mailed a final Office action, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to reply. No extensions of time were obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 26, 2007, for failure to submit a timely and proper response to the final Office action. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 27, 2008. On April 17, 2008, petitioner submitted the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a reply in the form of an amendment, a power of attorney and change of correspondence address, a 3.73(b) Statement, and an authorization to charge the petition fee.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The present petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

On April 17, 2008, petitioner submitted an amendment in response to the final Office action; however, the examiner found that the amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance. An Advisory Action accompanies this decision.

In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to reply to a final action, the reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be:

- (1) A Notice of Appeal and appeal fee;
- (2) An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 that cancels all the rejected claims or otherwise *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance;
- (3) The filing of an RCE (accompanied by a submission that meets the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111 and the requisite fee) under 37 CFR 1.114 for utility or plant applications filed on or after June 8, 1995; or
- (4) The filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (or a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d) if the application is a design application).

With any renewed petition, petitioner must submit a proper reply to the outstanding final Office action.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

By mail:           Mail Stop Petition  
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Correspondence may also be submitted via the electronic filing system of the USPTO.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Tartera Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christina Tartera Donnell  
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Enclosures: Advisory Action and Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney

<p align="center"><b>Advisory Action</b> <b>Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</b></p>	Application No. 10/774,105	Applicant(s) DIMAURO ET AL.	
	Examiner Jacqueline F. Stephens	Art Unit 3761	

**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

THE REPLY FILED 17 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

#### AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because  
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NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).  
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
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 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

#### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☐ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.  
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/Jacqueline F Stephens/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3761

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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 04/17/2008.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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